



**March 26, 2018**

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: USTelecom Ex Parte Notice Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, March 22, 2017, Alan Buzacott (Verizon), AJ Burton (Frontier), John E. Benedict (CenturyLink), Mary Henze (AT&T), and the undersigned met with Suzanne Yelen, Alec MacDonell, Rodger Woock, Stephen Wang and Cathy Zima (who participated by phone) of the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) to discuss various issues relating to compliance obligations for recipients of Connect America Fund (CAF) support providing broadband service to fixed locations.

During the meeting, we discussed with Bureau staff issues consistent with USTelecom's comments filed in this proceeding,<sup>1</sup> as well as with its ex parte notice of May 23, 2017.<sup>2</sup> In particular, we urged the Commission to expeditiously finalize the requirements for broadband speed and latency measurement reporting and compliance under the CAF program.

Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this ex parte letter in the above identified proceeding.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Rupy  
Vice President, Law & Policy

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<sup>1</sup> Comments of the USTelecom Association, WC Docket No. 10-90 (submitted December 6, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Kevin G. Rupy, Vice President, Law & Policy, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (May 23, 2017).

cc: Suzanne Yelen  
Alec MacDonell  
Rodger Woock  
Cathy Zima  
Stephen Wang